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FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 0112

C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 10732

FOR NEA/EX, WILIAMSON; A/FBO, RALSTON; AND SY/FO FROM MILLS

EO 11652: NA

TAGS: ABLD ASEC AFSP

SUBJ: MINOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, COM RESIDENCE - PROPERTY NO 03446

1. THIS MESSAGE IS INTENDED CLARIFY EMBASSY'S POSITION REGARDING MINOR IMPROVEMENT AND SECURITY PROJECT TO INSTALL SUNSCREENS AT COM RESIDENCE. THIS FELT NECESSARY SINCE BEIRUT 10658, WHICH EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS REGARDING VALUE OF PROJECT, INADVERTENTLY FAILED REFER TO PREVIOUS EMBASSY COMMUNICATIONS ON SUBJECT.

2. ALL CONCERNED EMBASSY BEIRUT CONSIDER INSTALLATION SOME TYPE PROTECTIVE DEVICE ON WINDOWS LIVING AREA COM RESIDENCE MOST IMPORTANT AND PARTICULARLY IN VIEW RECENT INCIDENT IN NICOSIA THAT RESULTED IN DEATH AMBASSADOR DAVIES. RESERVATION BY ASSISTANT GSO AND RSO EXPRESSED BEIRUT 10658 DUE PRIMARILY TO RECENTLY RECEIVED OC TELEGRAM CONCERNING ADVERSE ASPECT USE STEEL PLATE FOR PROTECTION COMMUNICATIONS AREAS. MESSAGE IMPLIED STEEL PLATE COULD GENERATE SHRAPNEL IF HIT BY PROJECTILE. ALTHOUGH EMBASSY PROPOSAL (SEE A-63) WOULD USE STEEL CONSTRUCTION, IT WOULD BE IN LATTICED FORM WITH EDGES OF SIX CM STEEL PLATES FACING EXTERIOR. WHETHER OR NOT THIS TYPE CONSTRUCTION OVERCOMES SHRAPNEL POTENTIAL OF STEEL PLATE IS PRIMARY QUESTION. BEYOND THIS EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ENTIRE PROPOSAL BEING CAREFULLY CONSIDERED BY SY AND FBO TO ENSURE APPROVED PROJECT

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PROVIDES MAXIMUM PROTECTION, BUT WITHOUT EXCESSIVE

AESTHETIC DAMAGE.

3. SHOULD EMBASSY'S PROPOSAL PROVE ACCEPTABLE,
DEPT SHOULD BEAR IN MIND THAT PRICE OFFER REPORTED BEIRUT 10476
IS VALID THROUGH SEP 30 ONLY AND THAT H-6 GLASS OR TREATMENTS
OF WINDOWS WITH MYLAR OR SCOTCHTINT IS EXTRA. IF PROPOSAL
NOT ACCEPTABLE, OTHER OFFERS FOR DIFFERENT TYPE CONSTRUCTION
WOULD BE OBTAINED PROVIDED DETAILS ON WHAT IS CONSIDERED
BETTER APPROACH CAN BE PROVIDED.
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